

Friday 1st March 2024
Ewen Fields



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International
Women's Day



Sunday Challenge Shield

FINAL 2024

Limeside King George FC **V** Gorton Panthers FC

WELCOME FROM MANCHESTER FA



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Manchester Football Association would like to welcome everyone to tonight's Sunday Challenge Shield Final.

Tonight we welcome Limeside King George & Gorton Panthers who will battle it out to win our second County Cup Final of 2024. Both of the teams will be familiar with each other, as they both play in the Hyde, Oldham & District Sunday Premier League.

A fiercely competed competition at times, the Sunday Challenge Shield has provided us with some of our more entertaining fixtures and there is no doubt that tonight's affair will be up there with some of the greats!

On behalf of Manchester FA, good luck to each of tonight's teams!



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THE SUNDAY CHALLENGE SHIELD



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This is our second most senior competition and is invitation by Manchester FA only.

Similarly to the Saturday Challenge Trophy, the Sunday Challenge Shield is designed for those Sunday league clubs that compete at the highest level within Greater Manchester with entries based on previous seasons league positions.

LAST 5 WINNERS

2023 - Rushford Park FC

2022 - Avenue FC

2020 - Snipe Inn

2019 - Moss Side

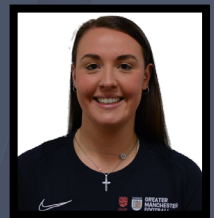
2018 - Hulme



2023 Winners: Rushford Park

AIMEE COOK - FOOTBALL SERVICES OFFICER

Last Friday, our first County Cup Final of 2024 was played and did not disappoint! We were treated to a dramatic game which saw Denton Town crowned champions after two late goals.



Tonight we see two of Manchester's top Sunday teams compete in our most senior Sunday Competition. On behalf of Manchester FA, I offer a very warm welcome to spectators, teams and match officials to this evening's Sunday Challenge Shield Final.

A massive thank you to everyone involved in making this final happen, including Hyde United for once again hosting this prestigious competition at Ewen Fields. Finally, I would like to wish both teams the best of luck!

"MY COACH DIDN'T ONLY
BUILD ME AS A PLAYER
— HE BUILT ME
AS A PERSON."



"My ethos was —
play with a smile
on your face."

— David
Marcus's Grassroots Coach



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RESPECT

LOVE FOOTBALL
PROTECT THE GAME.

MEET THE MATCH OFFICIALS



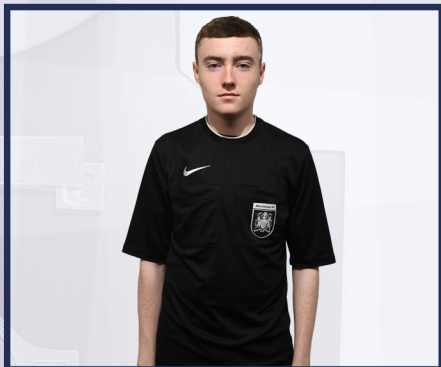
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It's important not to forget the 'third team' taking to the pitch for tonight's match, the officials!



PETER METCALFE

REFEREE



RAMSEY TRAVERS

ASSISTANT REFEREE



ADAAM HIDREY

ASSISTANT REFEREE



MITCHELL TAYLOR

FORTH OFFICIAL

Just as with the Clubs, being involved in a Cup Final is a special occasion and a significant achievement that's earned from countless solid performances throughout the season. Each of the match officials appointed to the game honed their skills in the grassroots leagues across Greater Manchester.



THERE'S NO SPACE FOR HATE IN OUR GAME.

ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
DISCRIMINATION WILL BE PUNISHED.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH



LOVE FOOTBALL. PROTECT THE GAME

VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



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Rick Balcerzak, Limeside King George Manager:

“ Our current season is going very well so far! We are currently the only unbeaten side in all competitions in our league, which is full of top quality Sunday teams.

The goal this season is to win as many trophies as possible. We are still competing for all four trophies that are available this season, largely thanks to a squad of players who are determined and committed to bouncing back after a difficult season last year.

We know we have to be at our very best every week to win games so we never look too far ahead, the next game is always the most important one.”



Luke Webb, Gorton Panthers Manager:

“ To describe our season so far, I would say it's been a rollercoaster!

We started the season in the league facing last years quadruple & invincible winners, Queens Bredbury, away from home and came away 1-0 winners. We then fell to two losses in the league against two newly promoted sides, in games that we should be winning.

Earlier in the season, we enjoyed a 10 game unbeaten run, with the highlight defeating last years winners of this competition, Rushford Park, to reach the final.

Despite being mid table in the league, we have reached the final of this competition, the Challenge Cup semi final and the quarter final of the Reporter Cup. We are hoping for a great end to the season, to ensure we achieve success for the club.”



UPCOMING MFA COUNTY CUP FINALS



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SATURDAY AMATEUR

Friday 15th March at Hyde United FC

SUNDAY AMATEUR

Friday 22nd March at Hyde United FC

VETERANS CUP

Friday 19th April at Irlam FC

U16 BOYS YOUTH CUP

Tuesday 23rd April at Abbey Hey FC

U16 GIRLS YOUTH CUP

Thursday 25th April at Abbey Hey FC

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LIMESIDE KING GEORGE FC



The club formed in 1978 playing out of the Famous King George pub on Hollins Road in Oldham. Our home pitch Limeside Park has been the scene of many happy memories.

We have had tremendous success over the years and in 2015 the club secured an unprecedented quadruple and followed this up with a treble in 2016. Our most recent success was winning the league and cup double in the 21/22 season.

We would like to say thank you to our sponsors for this season.



ROUTE TO THE FINAL

- R1: **LIMESIDE KING GEORGE** 6-3 Reddish North End Albion
- QF: **LIMESIDE KING GEORGE** 4-2 Radcliffe U21 Development
- SF: **LIMESIDE KING GEORGE** 4-1 Future City



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GORTON PANTHERS



Gorton Panthers FC was originally founded in 2019 as a 5 a side team among friends at Cheetham Hill goals, having won the league back to back, we quickly realised that we should take this to 11 a side football. We started in Tameside division 3 and won the league in our first season. We were also in good positions in both cups but unfortunately all cup games were cut due to covid.

On returning to football, we jumped up two divisions to Tameside Division 1, playing against some very tough and experienced sides. We reached the league cup final but unfortunately lost 1-0 to Dom Doyle. Going into our third season, we moved over to The Hyde and Oldham District League. We finished 3rd in the league and won the Rose Bowl Cup, in which was a very good season for the lads. Fast forward to the here and now, we are looking to achieve more success this season and in the future.

We would like to say thank you to our sponsors for this season.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: **GORTON PANTHERS** 6-2 Swan FC

QF: **GORTON PANTHERS** 3-1 Monton Road

SF: **GORTON PANTHERS** 2-1 Rushford Park



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CELEBRATING WOMEN IN FOOTBALL AT MANCHESTER FA





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CHANTING AND
BEHAVIOUR**

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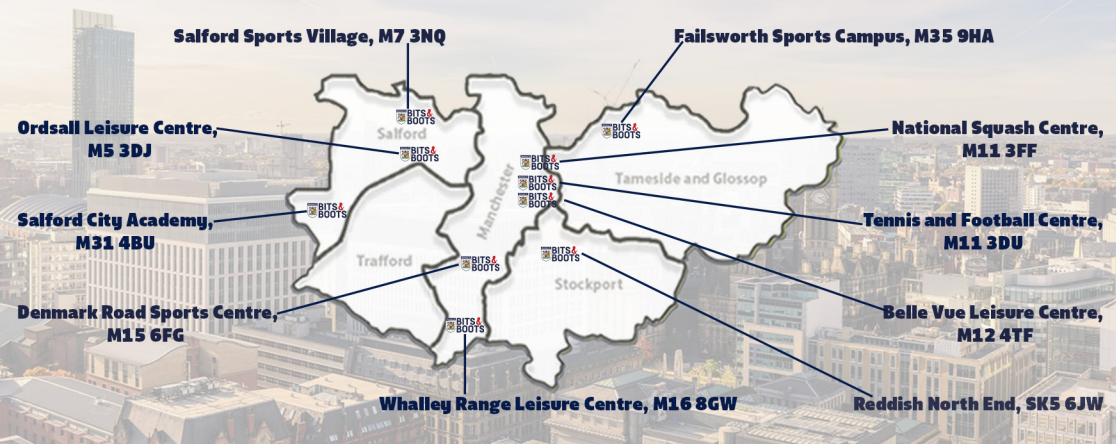
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MANCHESTER FA BITS AND BOOTS



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Manchester FA have launched a new club shop consisting of pre-loved items of kit (shirts, shorts, boots etc) that will be collected from donation points across the region and re-distributed to individuals and families.

Manchester FA has partnered up with numerous organisations across Greater Manchester, to help those facing financial pressure remain in football. **Greater Manchester is home to some of the highest concentrations of poverty and deprivation in the country.** There are 620,000 people, out of a population of 2.8m, living below the poverty line in our city region.

Bits and Boots hopes to alleviate some of the pressures of the cost of living crisis and ensure people can continue to remain active in sport and improve the retention levels of people taking part in physical activity across Manchester. Kit/boots will be available online and at our pop shop within the season.

“Lots of us have unwanted and sometime used football kit/boots in our wardrobes and don’t know what to do with them, especially with children who grow out of kit and boots so quickly. We want to create a new initiative that helps those, who need it the most during this cost of living crisis; as well as helping reduce carbon footprint by recycling unwanted clothing. We are committed in helping those who need it whilst also aiding environment. By charging a nominal fee for kit we will hope to keep the project sustainable for the long term” - Manchester FA’s staff, Aimee Cook and Georgie Oliver

If you need access to kit and boots, would like to refer someone or if you wish to get involved, please contact us at support@manchesterfa.com with subject Bits & Boots.

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2024 RAMADAN



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RAMADAN MUBARAK



This year, Ramadan is expected to begin in the evening on Sunday, March 10, 2024 and end on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The exact dates of Ramadan change every year.

Muslims fast during daylight hours between sunset and dawn. Fasting includes the abstain from eating, drinking (including water) and smoking. The obligation of fasting does not apply to those who are physically and mentally unwell, travelling, or pregnant.

Fasting helps empathise with those who are less fortunate, and donations are made to charity organisations throughout this Holy Month. At the end of Ramadan Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr and attend the mosque to offer a special Eid prayer and give presents to their loved ones.

In line with **The FA's rule B5 football & religious observance**, a participant cannot be compelled to play football in the religious holiday unless they've consented or are a professional player under contract. For grassroots football, The FA's rule B5 means that fixtures that fall within Ramadan can be played either after sunset or delayed until after Eid al-Fitr.

It is important to consider that Muslim players, referees, and coaches may not wish to take part in football during the Holy Month of Ramadan. However, many individuals may wish to maintain their involvement and it is important we support their involvement as best we can.

Different Muslims will have different interpretations and observance of Islam and therefore it is always advisable to consult in advance with anyone affected. In Manchester around 15.8% of the population identify as Muslim.



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New content has just dropped in The Grassroots Mental Health Vault! Included in this are: ⚽ 2 new podcasts, ⚽ 4 new articles/infographics, ⚽ A new date for Mental Health First Aid Training

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LIMESIDE KING GEORGE FC

Colours: Red, Black, Black
Goalkeeper: Grey

Reece Reynolds (GK)
Luke Mason
Ashley Curran
Ryan Hobin
Taylor Melling
Brendan Prior
Benjamin Ashworth
Ashley Shaw
Aaron Taylor
Sam Traynor
Jack Bostock
Liam Cashmore (C)
Connor Berry
Daniel Jackson
Scott O'Connor
Mohammed Barakat
Ryan Fagan
Jack Ward
Reece Coley
Ashley Ainsworth



GORTON PANTHERS FC

Colours: Black, Red, Red
Goalkeeper : Pink

Jack Raines
Dyaln Barlow
Luke Morris
Charles Akande
Adam Farrand
Dylan Dix
James Oatt
Kieran Mcanaw
Kieran Anderson
Aaron Warmbold
Zak Bell
Declan Mcgrath
Michael Connors
Kleon Mullings
Sam Pratt
Shaquel Lewys
Ali Basraa
Finaly Hampson
Helder Pires
Sabri DaSilva
Danny Hugo
Liam McDowell
Oluwatomisin Omatayo
Dylan Barlow
Finlay Hampson
Shaquille Lewys



Richard Balcerzak

Manager

Luke Webb

Manager

Liam McDowell

Assistant Manager

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Referee: Peter Metcalfe
Assistant 2: Ramsey Travers

Assistant 1: Adaam Hidrey
4th Official: Mitchell Taylor